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An Act to Prevent the Disturbing those of the Episcopal Communion in that Part of Great Britain *called* Scotland, *in the Exercise of their Religious Worship, and in the Use of the Liturgy of the Church of* England; *And for Repealing the Act passed in the Parliament of* Scotland, *Intituled,* Act against Irregular Baptisms and Marriages.

WHereas since the Abolishing of Episcopal Government in *Scotland*, those of the Episcopal Perswasion there, have been frequently Disturbed and Interrupted in their Religious Assemblies, and their Ministers Prosecuted for Reading the *English* Service in their Congregations, and for Administring the Sacraments, according to the Form and Manner prescribed in the Liturgy of the Church of *England*; Be it therefore Enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Commons in this present Parliament Assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That it shall be Free and Lawful for all those of the Episcopal Communion in that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*, to Meet and Assemble for the Exercise of Divine Worship, to be performed after their own Manner by Pastors Ordained by a Protestant Bishop, and who are not Established Ministers of any Church or Parish, and to Use in their Congregations the Liturgy of the Church of *England*, if they think fit, without any Let, Hindrance, or Disturbance from any Person whatsoever; And all Sheriffs of Shires, Stewards of Stewartries, and Magistrates of Boroughs, and Justices of the Peace, are hereby strictly Required to give all manner of Protection, Aid, and Assistance to such Episcopal Ministers, and those of their own Communion, in their Meetings and Assemblies for the Worship of God, held in any Town or Place, except Parish-Churches, within the Extent and Jurisdiction of that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*.

Provided always, and be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That none shall presume to Exercise the Function of a Pastor in the said Episcopal Meetings and Congregations, except such as shall have received Holy Orders from the Hands of a Protestant Bishop; and that every Person who shall be called or appointed to be a Pastor or Minister of any Episcopal Congregation or Assembly, before he take upon him to Officiate as Pastor of the said Congregation, be hereby Obliged and Required to present his Letters of Orders to the Justices of Peace, at their General or Quarter-Sessions to be held for the Shire, Stewartry, City, Town, or other Place in which the said Episcopal Congregation is or shall be; and that the said Letters of Orders be there Entred on Record by the Register or Clerk of the said Meeting of the Justices, for which there shall be no greater Fee or Reward taken than the Sum of One Shilling.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Ministers of the Established Church of *Scotland*, and all and every Person and Persons, who is or are Pastor or Pastors, Minister or Ministers of any Episcopal Congregation in *Scotland*, shall be Obliged, and are hereby Required, on or before the First Day of *August* next to come, to Take and Subscribe the following Oaths, in such Manner, and under such Penalties, as all Officers, Civil and Military, in *Scotland*, are obliged to Take the Oath recited in the Fourteenth Act of the Sixth Year of Her Majesty's Reign, Intituled, *An Act for the better Security of Her Majesties Person and Government*: And that all Ministers of the Established Church of *Scotland*, hereafter to be admitted into their respective Churches or Benefices, and all and every Person and Persons, who shall hereafter be Pastor or Pastors, Minister or Ministers of any Episcopal Congregation, shall before such Admission or Exercise of their respective Functions, be Obliged to Take and Subscribe likewise the following Oaths, in the same Manner, and under the same Penalties above mentioned.

I *A. B. do sincerely Promise and Swear, That I will be Faithful, and bear true Allegiance to Her Majesty Queen* ANNE:

So help me God.

I *A. B. do truly and sincerely Acknowledge, Profess, Testifie, and Declare in my Conscience, before God and the World, That our Sovereign Lady Queen* ANNE *is Lawful and Rightful Queen of this Realm, and of all other Her Majesties Dominions and Countries thereunto belonging. And I do solemnly and sincerely Declare, That I do believe in my Conscience, the Person pretended to be Prince of* Wales, *during the Life of the late King* James, *and since his Decease pretending to be, and taking upon himself the Stile and Title of King of* England, *by the Name of* James *the Third, or of* Scotland, *by the Name of* James *the Eighth, or the Stile and Title of King of* Great Britain, *hath not any Right or Title whatsoever to the Crown of this Realm, or any other the Dominions thereunto belonging: And I do Renounce, Refuse, and Abjure any Allegiance or Obedience to him. And I do Swear, That I will bear Faith and true Allegiance to Her Majesty Queen* Anne, *and Her will Defend, to the Utmost of my Power, against all Traiterous Conspiracies and Attempts whatsoever, which shall be made against Her Person, Crown, or Dignity. And I will do my best Endeavour to Disclose and make Known to Her Majesty, and Her Successors, all Treasons and Traiterous Conspiracies which I shall know to be against Her, or any of Them. And I do faithfully Promise, to the Utmost of my Power, to Support, Maintain, and Defend the Succession of the Crown against him the said* James, *and all other Persons whatsoever, as the same is and stands settled [by an Act, Intituled,* An Act Declaring the Rights and Liberties of the Subject, and Settling the Succession of the Crown] *to Her present Majesty, and the Heirs of Her Body, being Protestants; And as the same [by One other Act, Intituled,* An Act for the further Limitation of the Crown, and better Securing the Rights and Liberties of the Subject] *is and stands Settled and Entailed, after the Decease of Her Majesty, and for Default of Issue of Her Majesty, to the Princess* Sophia, *Electress and Dutchess Dowager of* Hanover, *and the Heirs of Her Body, being Protestants. And all these things I do plainly and sincerely Acknowledge and Swear, according to these express Words by me Spoken, and according to the plain and common Sense and Understanding of the same Words, without any Equivocation, Mental Evasion, or Secret Reservation whatsoever. And I do make this Recognition, Acknowledgment, Abjuration, Renunciation, and Promise, heartily, willingly, and truly, upon the true Faith of a Christian:*

So help me God.

Provided always, That the Assembly of Persons for Religious Worship in the Episcopal Meetings, be held with Doors not Locked, Barred, or Bolted, during such Assembly; and that nothing herein contained shall be Construed to Exempt any of the Persons Frequenting the said Episcopal Congregations from paying of Tythes of other Parochial Duties to the Church or Minister of the Parish to which they belong, and in which they reside.

And whereas since the Establishment of the Presbyterian Government in *Scotland*, some Laws have been made by the Parliament in *Scotland* against the Episcopal Clergy of that part of the United Kingdom, and particularly an Act passed in the Parliament held in the Year 1695. Intituled, *Act against Irregular Baptisms and Marriages*, by which all Episcopal Ministers, who were turned out of their Churches, are prohibited to Baptize any Children, or to Solemnize any Marriage upon Pain of perpetual Imprisonment or Banishment: Be it therefore Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Act abovementioned be hereby Repealed and Annulled; and that in all time coming no Person or Persons shall incur any Disability, Forfeiture, or Penalty whatsoever, upon account of his or their Resorting to the said Episcopal Meetings held for the Worship of God; and that it shall be Free and Lawful for all the Subjects in that part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*, to Assemble and Meet together for Divine Service, without any Disturbance, and

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